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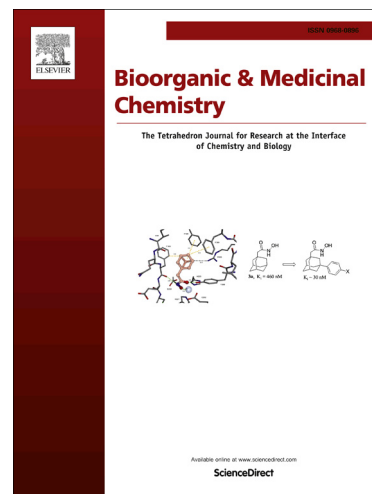
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**ABSTRACT**

Some symmetrical and unsymmetrical thiocarbocyanines bearing NO-donor nitrooxy and furoxan moieties were synthesized and studied as candidate anti-Alzheimer's drugs. All products activated soluble guanylate cyclase (sGC) in a dose-dependent manner, depending on the presence in their structures of NO-donor groups. None displayed toxicity when tested at concentrations below 10  $\mu$ M on human brain microvascular endothelial cells (hCMEC/D3). Some products were capable of inhibiting amyloid  $\beta$ -protein ( $A\beta$ ) aggregation, with a potency in the low  $\mu$ M concentration range, and of inhibiting aggregation of human recombinant tau protein

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